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ABSTRACT

Noting that individuals learn best through experiences freely chosen, this book is intended to help teachers create a community of independent learners in a classroom--showing how to let the curriculum and resources support rather than lead children's learning--and to demonstrate how to individualize each child's education. Chapter 1 introduces the reader to a community of learners in action. Chapter 2 presents examples of how children's passions and "storying" can support independent learning. Chapter 3 focuses on how to get such a community started in the classroom. Chapter 4 discusses how themes can facilitate students' choices and decisions about their learning. Chapter 5 describes students' bonding through collaboration. Chapter 6 uses a science fair project to illustrate how children can develop a real interest in learning. Chapter 7 discuss opportunities for developing divergent thinking. The concern about evaluation and the way assessment should take place is discussed in chapter 8. Chapters 9 and 10 examine the role of parents and school administrators, respectively. The last chapter presents a story about how recognition of a student's unique way of learning, supported by the community of learners, encourages self-directed learning. (Contains 139 references.) (AA)

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